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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bruce A. Chernof, MD
Director and Chief Medical Officer

SUBJECT: **MODIFICATION OF METROCARE HOSPITAL
INPATIENT CONTRACT SERVICE AREA
DELEGATION**

Bruce A. Chernof, MD
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On November 28, 2006, your Board approved delegated authority to the Director of Health Services to enter into agreements with private institutions for the provision of inpatient and skilled nursing services as part of the MetroCare transition plan.

The service area for which the delegation was authorized was limited to Service Planning Areas (SPA) 6 and 8 (e.g., the South and South Bay areas), as this is where both Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and MLK-Harbor Hospital are located. However, in order to ensure sufficient access to hospital inpatient and skilled nursing beds, it is necessary for the Department of Health Services to establish agreements with facilities outside this previously defined service area.

Therefore, at the December 19th Board meeting, under item A-4 ("Consideration of the Director of Health Services' report and/or recommendation regarding any activities and changes related to the implementation of the MetroCare Plan and the Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital"), I will be seeking your approval to enter into contracts with private facilities for necessary inpatient beds and skilled nursing services outside SPAs 6 and 8, but within a 12-mile radius of MLK-Harbor Hospital.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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